

IN RECOGNITION OF "MORRIS MUSEUM OF ART "

WHEREAS, The Morris Museum of Art was founded by William S. Morris III of Augusta in memory of his parents and their love for the Augusta community; and

WHEREAS, The acquisition of the Robert Powell Coggins Collection in 1989 established the museum's direction as center of Southern Art; and

WHEREAS, Since the museum opened its doors ten years ago on September 24, 1992, the museum's collection has grown to more than 2,600 artworks; and

WHEREAS, It has greatly expanded its Center for the Study of Southern Art, a library with extensive holdings of research literature and archival material, and has organized more than 115 exhibitions, many of which have traveled to art museums across the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Morris Museum has won numerous awards for educational programs and publications and serves as the first museum of art dedicated to collecting, preserving and displaying the art of this region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of Augusta, Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2002, to be "MORRIS MUSEUM OF ART DAY" and urge all citizens to recognize this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 24th day of September 2002.